

NGO Meeting LGN July 21, 2010

In July 2010, Joe and I were invited by the President of PLATIG to attend a meeting of NGO's and other agencies working on La Gonave. The meeting was held at the AAPLAG office at 1:00 pm. Among those attending were representatives from Concern WW, World Vision, Haiti Red Cross, PLATIG, AAPLAG, ICCO, Mayors from AAG and PAR Districts, the Minister of Agriculture, and Joe and myself.

Introductions were made by Wilter Ocule, Pres of AAPLAG. The President of PLATIG introduced speakers from Concern WW (Fr Advisor-Vincent Potier) who had asked to show a Power Point presentation related to a post earthquake survey of LGN. They would then present a 4 point proposal to "Share the Future" that would address issues raised by the survey.

The first week following the earthquake on Jan 12th, the speaker said there was an estimated 15% increase in population on LGN, seeking shelter, food, water and healthcare. The limited resources were soon depleted and many returned to the mainland to receive humanitarian aid that was not available on LGN. Remaining refugees made their way to the vulnerable rural areas where many had family and friends.

The survey addressed 4 areas of concern:

1. Shelter: Destroyed and badly damaged homes
2. WASH: water (cisterns and wells) , sanitation / latrines.
3. Livelihoods: industries (farms, livestock, fishing, retail).
4. Homeless: Island homeless and remaining refugees.

Impact and interventions: preservation, experimental programs, temporary and transitional shelter, was agreed for a future meeting, the following week.

Survey results by sections: Destroyed or badly damaged homes.

Anse-a-Galets Distict:

A-G	#6	770	most in Buchan Lamar and N. Chandel
	#1	263	Palma..?..?
	#3	138	Zetwa, Terra Blanch, N. Figue
	#2	121	La Gosseline, Fontina, Masuan
	#5	60	Picmi, Platon Ballai

Pwent a Rocquett District:

P-R	#3	25	Port Trou Louis, Port a Bonheur, Mont Trou Louis,
	#4	22	Ti Palmiste, Terra Seche, Ville Par, Lotorre

(Axe Moyens de vie) Homeless – Refugees

A-G	#5	4897	P-r	#2	750
	#2	2043		#1	625
	#6	577		#3	550
	#3	500		#4	500
Est total:		8017	Est total:		2425

Est total LNG: 10,442

The primary source of income for residents on La Gonave is agriculture with a good crop this year: melons, fruits from the highlands.

Following the meeting we spoke with the Concern presenters and adviser. They indicated they were planning to begin work on wells and Joe gave them information on the church rig.

When we returned home we sent a copy of our water report and suggested Concern follow up with PLATIG as Haiti Outreach is associated with them and is setting up a deep bore rig for drilling on the west end of LGN

We have no report from the planning meeting due to storms in the Atlantic making travel and communication unreliable.

Report: August 26, 2010 S. Edgerton